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SUBJ: THIRD PLENUM REINSTATES TENG, PURGES GANG OF FOUR

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. A BROADCAST AT 2000 HOURS JULY 22 ON THE RESULTS OF THE THIRD PLENUM OF THE 10TH PARTY CONGRESS WAS DEVOID OF SURPRISES: THE PLENUM, HELD FROM JULY 16-21, RESTORED TO TENG HSIAO-PING ALL OF HIS PREVIOUS POSTS; RENDERED A VERDICT ON THE GANG OF FOUR, STRIPPING THEM "FOREVER" OF ALL THEIR POSITIONS AND THEIR PARTY MEMBERSHIP; AND SET THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ATTENDED THE PLENUM SAVE THE AILING LIU PO-CHENG. HUA KUO-FENG WAS CONFIRMED IN HIS PARTY AND MILITARY COMMISSION CHAIRMANSIPS AND WAS LAUDED AS CHAIRMAN MAO'S "GOOD STUDENT" AND "SUCCESSOR." HUA PRESIDED OVER THE SESSION AND DELIVERED AN "IMPORTANT SPEECH," AS DID

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PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING AND NEWLY REAPPOINTED PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN TENG HSIAO-PING. BROADCAST OF THE PLENUM RESULTS -- CLEARLY KNOWN IN ADVANCE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE -- SET OFF A WELL-ORCHESTRATED MARCH ON TIEN AN MEN SQUARE BY UNITS EQUIPPED WITH DRUMS, GONGS, AND BANNERS. EARLIER IN THE DAY TROOP MOVEMENTS INTO CENTRAL PEKING AND AROUND PEKING UNIVERSITY WERE OBSERVED. BY 2100

HOURS LOCAL SWARMS OF GOOD-NATURED CELEBRANTS WERE CONVERGING ON TIEN AN MEN SQUARE FROM ALL SIDES, SETTING OFF FIRECRACKERS BENEATH BRIGHTLY LIT BUILDINGS AND RED FLAGS. END SUMMARY.

2. A PEKING RADIO BROADCAST AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL, RUMORED THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AND FORMALLY ANNOUNCED AT 1600 HOURS, TRANSMITTED THE RESULTS OF THE LONG-AWAITED THIRD PLENUM OF THE 10TH PARY CONGRESS. THE PLENUM DECISIONS WERE DEVOID OF SURPRISES AND FORESHADOWED IN THE WALLPOSTERS THAT HAD APPEARED IN PEKING HUTUNGS OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS.

3. THE PLENUM, HELD FROM JULY 16-21, WAS ATTENDED BY ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS SAVE THE PURGED GANG OF FOUR AND THE AILING LIU PO-CHENG. HUA KUO-FENG, CONFIRMED IN HIS PARTY AND MILITARY CHAIRMANSHIPS AND LAUDED AS CHAIRMAN MAO'S "GOOD STUDENT" AND "SUCCESSOR" AND THE "LEADER" AND "COMMANDER" OF THE CHINESE PARTY, PRESIDED OVER THE SESSION. "IMPORTANT SPEECHES" -- CONTENTS UNDISCLOSED -- WERE DELIVERED BY HUA, VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING, AND THE NEWLY REINSTATED TENG HSIAO-PING.

4. THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE PLENUM WERE TO:
--CONFIRM THE OCTOBER 7, 1976 DECISION, TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH "CHAIRMAN MAO'S BEHEST," TO NAME HUA KUO-FENG AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION;
--AFFIRM THE CORRECTNESS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOUR AND TO DELIVER THE FINAL VERDICT ON THEM, STRIPPING THEM OF ALL POSITIONS AND EXPELLING THEM "FOREVER" FROM THE PARTY (DETAILS OF THE VERDICT AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR MERELY REITERATED THE POINTS MADE REPEATEDLY OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS)

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--RESTORE TO TENG HSIAO-PING ALL OF HIS POSITIONS,
IN ACCORD WITH THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MARCH 1977
CENTRAL WORK CONFERENCE (THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CHINESE
HAVE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH A SESSION WAS HELD)
--SET THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING 11TH PARTY CONGRESS
(A DATE WAS NOT SPECIFIED): A POLITICAL REPORT, A REPORT
ON A NEW DRAFT PARTY CONSTITUTION, AND PRESENTATION
OF THE NEW PARTY CONSTITUTION. (COMMENT: THE PREVIOUS
PARTY CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN DRAFTED UNDER WANG HUNG-SEN AND
THE REPORT DELIVERED BY WANG AT THE 10TH PARTY CONGRESS IN
AUGUST 1973). THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS WOULD ALSO SELECT A
NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
--AFFIRM THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS
DEVELOPING IN ACCORD WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE CHINESE
PEOPLE. THE PLENUM ALSO AFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF
INTERNATIONALISM AND CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE
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IN DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS (A STOCK FORMULA USED IN THE PAST
TO SUGGEST, INTER ALIA, THE POLICY OF TILTING TOWARD THE
UNITED STATES WHILE OPPOSING BOTH SUPERPOWERS).
--SANCTION THE POLICY OF "UNITY AND STABILITY" DOMESTICALLY,
A THEME EXPOUNDED BY TENG HSIAO-PING IN 1975.

5. BROADCAST OF THE PLENUM RESULTS -- CLEARLY KNOWN IN ADVANCE
TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE -- SET OFF A WELL-ORCHESTRATED MARCH
ON TIENTIANMANSQUARE BY UNITS EQUIPPED WITH
DRUMS, GONGS, AND BANNERS. BY 2100 HOURS LOCAL, SWARMS OF
GOOD-NATURED CELEBRANTS WERE CONVERGING ON TIENTIANMANSQUARE
FROM ALL SIDES, SETTING OFF FIRECRACKERS UNDER BRIGHTLY LIT
BUILDINGS AND RED FLAGS.

6. EARLIER IN THE DAY, TROOPS REPORTEDLY ENCIRCLED PEKING
UNIVERSITY, A FORMER BASTION OF THE GANG OF FOUR, AS

A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. SOME 28 TRUCKLOADS OF TROOPS FROM HOPEH PROVINCE STREAMED INTO THE TIEN AN MEN SQUARE AREA AROUND 1700 HOURS. BUT THE ATMOSPHERE SO FAR HAS BEEN ENTIRELY FESTIVE, REMINISCENT OF THE MOOD LAST OCTOBER DURING THE CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE PURGE OF THE GANG OF FOUR.

7. IN THE ONLY COMMENT THUS FAR FROM CHINESE OFFICIALS, AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING VENTURED TO USLO OFFICER THAT ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF COMMUNIQUE ON PLENUM WAS DECISION TO STRIP GANG OF FOUR "FOREVER" FROM THEIR PARTY MEMBERSHIPS. ASKED ABOUT PROBABLY TIMING OF FORTHCOMING 11TH PARTY CONGRESS, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG AND AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR TANG WEN-SHENG (NANCY TANG) MERELY REITERATED COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE HELD AT AN "APPROPRIATE" TIME.
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8. WE UNDERSTAND THAT POSTERS HAILING THE VICTORIOUS CONVOCAION OF THE PLENUM HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO BE POSTED IN SHANGHAI.
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